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St. James's, September 17.

THIS Day Monsieur de Dreyer, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of Denmark, had a private Audience of Leave of His Majesty:

To which he was introduced by the Marquis of Carmarthen, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell Dotoner, Master of the Ceremonies.

General Post-Office, August 21, 1784.

PUBLIC Notice is hereby given, That, by an Act passed the last Session of Parliament, "For granting to His Majesty, certain additional Rates of "Postage, for Conveyance of Letters and Packets by "the Post within the Kingdom of Great Britain, and "for further preventing Frauds and Abuses in relation "to the sending and receiving of Letters and Packets "free from Postage;" It is, amongst other Things, enacted,

That from and after the 31st Instant, Letters and Packets, to and from Places, not exceeding one Post Stage, within Great-Britain, shall pay, in Addition to the present Rate of Postage, Single 1d. Double 2d. Treble 3d. and the Ounce 4d.

That Letters and Packets above one, and not exceeding two Post Stages, within England, shall pay in Addition, Single 1d. and so in Proportion.

That Letters and Packets above two Post Stages, and not exceeding 80 Miles, within England, shall pay in Addition, Single 1d. and so in Proportion.

That Letters and Packets above 80, and not exceeding 150 Miles, within England, shall pay in Addition, Single 1d. and so in Proportion.

That Letters and Packets above 150 Miles, within England, shall pay in Addition, Single 2d. and so in Proportion.

That Letters and Packets to or from the General Post-Office in London, to or from the City of Edinburgh, Dumfries and Cockburnspeth, shall pay in Addition, Single 1d. and so in Proportion.

That Letters and Packets above one Post Stage, and not exceeding 50 Miles, within Scotland, shall pay in Addition, Single 1d. and so in Proportion.

That Letters and Packets above 50, and not exceeding 80 Miles, within Scotland, shall pay in Addition, Single 1d. and so in Proportion.

That Letters and Packets above 80, and not exceeding 150 Miles within Scotland, shall pay in Addition, Single 1d. and so in Proportion.

That Letters and Packets above 150 Miles, within Scotland, shall pay in Addition, Single 2d. and so in Proportion.

It is provided, that no Letter or Packet to or from Glasgow, or the intermediate Places by Carlisle, not passing through London, shall pay an higher Rate than if sent through Edinburgh to or from Glasgow; and that no Letter or Packet sent to or from Edinburgh, or any intermediate Place in England and Scotland, North of London, shall pay an higher Rate than 7d. for a Single Letter, and so in Proportion.

It is further provided, that no Letter or Packet, together with its Contents, shall be taxed at an higher Rate than as a Treble Letter, unless it shall weigh an Ounce, when it shall be rated as Four Single Letters; and every Quarter of an Ounce above that Weight shall be charged as a Single Letter.

It is likewise enacted, that from and after the last Session of Parliament, no Letter or Packet sent by Post within Great Britain, directed by any Member of either House of Parliament, shall be exempted from the Duty of Postage, unless the whole Superscription thereof shall be of the Hand-writing of the Member, and shall have endorsed thereon, in the same Hand-writing, the Name of the Member, Post Town from whence the same is to be sent, and the Day, Month, and Year, when put into the Post Office, the Day of the Month to be in Words at length; and unless every such Letter and Packet shall be put into the General, or other Post-Office, or into a Receiving House, on the Day of the Date put upon such Letter or Packet. And no Letter or Packet directed to any such Member shall be exempted from the Duty of Postage, unless such as shall, during the Sitting of Parliament, or within Forty Days before, or Forty Days after any Summons or Prorogation thereof, be directed to any such Member, at the Place where he shall actually be at the Time of the Delivery thereof, or at his usual Place of Residence in London, or at the House, or Lobby of the House of Parliament, of which he is a Member.

It is further enacted, that all Persons who, by Virtue of their Offices, send and receive Letters and Packets free of Postage, shall send and receive them free, in the Manner, and under such Restrictions, as any Member of Parliament.

It is also enacted, that if any Person shall forge or counterfeit the Hand-writing of any Person whatsoever, in the Superscription of any Letter or Packet, in order to avoid the Payment of Postage, or shall forge, counterfeit, or alter, or procure to be done, the Date upon such Superscription, or shall write, and send by Post, or cause to be done, any Letter or Packet, the Superscription or Cover whereof shall be forged or counterfeited, or the Date thereon altered, in order to avoid the Duty of Postage, knowing the same to be forged, counterfeited, or altered, every Person so offending, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall be transported for Seven Years.

By Command of the Postmaster-General,

Anthony Todd, *Sec.*

*** *It is recommended to the Members of both Houses of Parliament, to write the Name of the Post-Town, and the Date, in Words at Length, at the Top of the Superscription of their Letters, that it may be distinct from the Direction underneath.*

[Price Three-Pence Halfpenny.]

St. James's, July 17, 1784.

INFORMATION having been transmitted, by Order of the Court of France, to the Marquess of Carmarthen, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Foreign Department, that several of His Majesty's Subjects, in the underwritten List particularly mentioned, have been, for a considerable Time, and are now detained in France, as Hostages for the Payment of Ransom Bills, which have not yet been satisfied; These are to give Notice, that in Case such Ransom-Bills are not forthwith discharged, Prosecutions will be commenced in His Majesty's Court of Admiralty against all Masters, Owners, and others, unjustly refusing or neglecting to pay the Sums of Money stipulated for the Release of those unfortunate Persons, who have suffered so long an Imprisonment.

Lists of Hostages for English Ransoms, detained in French Prisons.

Names of Ships taken, and Captains.	Names of the Owners.	Of what Place.	Names of the Captors.	Names of Hostages	For what Sums ransomed.
Earl of Dunmore—Murray	John Gaskin	Carron	Le Calonne—Ryan	Daniel Whitehead	2500 Guineas
Nancy—Gardiner	David Bonner	Leimkilens	Comtesse de Provence—Bart	A. Paterson	300 ditto
Peggy—Hutton	John Glass and Co.	Colross	Ditto—Ditto	George Anderson	200 ditto
Lucy—Neal	Ch. Common	Inverness	La Fantaisie—Dowling	Kennet M'Cloud	400 ditto
Meridian—————	Brown and Johnston	Londonderry	Ditto—Ditto	A. Hume and J. Mansfield	1000 ditto
Industry—Johnson	M. Gould and J. Grosland	Wexford and Pool	Ditto—ditto	John Jeson	200 ditto
Industry—Roch	John Phillip	Pembroke or Temby	Le Comte de Guichen—Anthon	John Seers	300 ditto
Six Sisters—Smith	J. Joseph Bacon	Isle of Man	Ditto—Ditto	W. Creers	1600 ditto
Squals—Hallahan	G. & J. Jackson & Co.	Topsham	Ditto—Ditto	Sam. Codner	100 ditto
Glory—Steele	J. Lawson & Co.	Workington	Ditto—Ditto	Tho. Trauhier	150 ditto
Elizabeth—John	E. Howell	Milford	Ditto—Ditto	Wm. Griffith	110 ditto
Lark—Macklin	E. Tully and Co.	Workington	Ditto—Ditto	Samuel Walker	300 ditto
Peace—Hogg	Fisher, Bragg & Co	Whitehaven	Ditto—Ditto	Peter Sloan	2000 ditto
Sally—Cooper	J. M'Clary and Co.	Port Ferry	Ditto—ditto	James Bailey	500 ditto
William—Gwyther	John Becher, Esq;	London	Ditto—ditto	Hector—Rees	500 ditto
Fortitude—Johnston	M. Ritchie and Co.	Grenock	Ditto—ditto	Charles Kennedy	1500 ditto
Spooner—Barber	A. Houstone and Co.	Glasgow	Ditto—Ditto	Samuel Cook	1800 ditto
Molly—Jackson	R. Jackson and Co.	Workington	Ditto—Ditto	N. Gibson	150 ditto
Peggy—Whiteford	Finly and Co.	Glasgow	Le Voltigueur—Mayne	Arch. Steel	4250 ditto
Alemouth Packet—Haldan	Samuel Forster	Alemouth	L'Union—R. Cornu	Wm. Melro	700 ditto
Expedition—Thomson	Robert Smith	Aberdeen	Princesse de Robecq—R. Cornu	Charles Kenney	340 ditto
Elizabeth—James	Daniel Lingow	Berwick	Ditto—Ditto	John Mearns	100 ditto
Countess of Buchan-Mitchel	James Akin	Aberdeen	Ditto—Ditto	————	100 ditto
Jenny—Reid	Robert Fall	Dunbar	Ditto—Ditto	Charles Moor	300 ditto
Good Will—Clifford	Hewson and Co.	Hull	La Jeune Dunkerquoise—Mulenaer	Alexander Forrest	750 ditto
Providence—O'Fenney	Richard Raby	Londonderry	Rohan Soubise—Vanstabel	M'Collom and M'Douall	300 ditto
Ann—Carver	Barker	Yarmouth	Cerf Volant—R. Grangé	Edw. Carver, sen.	150 ditto
Nancy—Bowson	Tho. Bowsor	Sunderland	Ditto—Ditto	Henry Shepherd	300 ditto
Elizabeth—Sadler	Tho. Wills	Bramster	Ditto—Ditto	Henry Mills	100 ditto
Four Brothers—Murray	Ch. Murray	Dungarvon	L'Escamateur—Roberts	Ch. Murray	250 ditto
Three Brothers—Murray	D. Bonne	Ditto	Ditto—Ditto	Kennet Carty	100 ditto
Peggy—Hicks	Jos. Scallon	Wexford	Ditto—Ditto	J. Gormand	600 ditto
Providence—Wadden	John Scallon	Ditto	Ditto—Ditto	N. Harper	500 ditto
Robert—————	————	————	Ditto—Ditto	————	150 ditto
Swift—Ward	Selby and Creswell	London	Comptesse de Maurepas—Castagnier	John Clark	600 Pounds
Thomas—Simon	G. Stockdale and G. Barlow	Lancaster	Ditto—ditto	John Collins	300 Guineas
John—Steward	T. Clark and Co.	Air	Ditto—ditto	Daniel Clark	200 ditto
Blessing—Course	Hartley & Meres	Whitehaven	Ditto—ditto	Richard Sewell	450 ditto
Success—Cook	T. H. Manley	Liverpool	Glory—Hermitte	Wm. Budicomb	560 ditto
Dispatch—Larmont	R. Jamison	Glasgow	Ditto—ditto	John Syrs	325 ditto
John—Crawford	J. M. Kither	Grenock	Ditto—ditto	D. White	50 ditto
Warner—Born	H. Brown	Saltash	Ditto—ditto	H. Mickle	350 ditto
Jane—M'Allister	M'Jamison	Greenock	Ditto—ditto	John Bouge	150 ditto
Sophia—Fotheringham	J. Trale and Co.	Orkneys	Ditto—ditto	C. Erskine	470 ditto
Brothers—Harvey	W. Watson	Campbeltown	Ditto—ditto	P. Henry	300 ditto
Hope—Waley	Wray and Hippins	Hull	Ditto—ditto	J. Wise	700 ditto
Bell—Bouge	R. Allen	Grenock	Ditto—ditto	A. Stewart	50 ditto
Patrick—Couth	Dennis Kehoe	Wexford	Subtile—Moultson	John Freeman	600 ditto
Polly—Wharton	Hen. Rome	St. Ives	Ditto—Ditto	John Roche	250 ditto
Phœnix—Ledger	F. Barett	Lynn	Le Bien Venu—Le Chevalier	N. Draper	200 ditto
Two Sisters—Reid	G. Awlidge	Aberdeen	Ditto—Ditto	John Smith	100 ditto
————	————	————	Le Sanspeur—Magery	P. Mafferton	157 Pounds
James and Mary—Simpson	J. Simpson and Co.	Yarmouth	American Union—Hall	W. Hillop	500 ditto
Nelly—Owen	Hartley and Co.	London	La Mouche—Ripner	Brown and Steel	5000 Guineas
Ant—Church	W. Gengive	Yarmouth	American Union—Codner	Wm. Balds	200 ditto
Vigilant—Martin	S. Godfrey	Ditto	Ditto—ditto	J. Nichols	150 ditto
Margate—Story	Selfe and Co.	Lynn	Ditto—ditto	Wm. Johnson and J. Grant	600 ditto
Betty—Hayward	Rulph, Heir & Co.	Ipswich	Ditto—ditto	J. Woorne	200 ditto
Isabella—Jackson	Peter Jackson	Whitby	Ditto—ditto	T. Jackson	150 ditto
William and Jane—Holmes	Sweetman and Co.	Lynn	Ditto—ditto	John Temple	100 ditto
Good Intent—Simpson	J. Swan	Sunderland	Ditto—ditto	Jos. Swan	160 ditto
Friendship—Hurst	John Grays	St. Peter's	Ditto—ditto	J. Hurot	100 ditto
Happy Couple—————	————	————	Charmante—Boorn	William Oliver.	120 ditto

General-Post-Office, July 22, 1784.

BY an Act of the laſt, and alſo one of the preſent Seſſion of Parliament, for eſtabliſhing certain Regulations concerning the Portage and Conveyance of Letters and Packets by the Poſt between Great Britain and Ireland, to take Place on the 1ſt of Auguſt next, all Letters and Packets are to be charged and paid for according to the preſent Rates of Poſtage in Great Britain, and the Rates eſtabliſhed by the Act of Parliament in Ireland, except to and from certain Perſons who, by Virtue of the reſpective Offices in Great Britain and Ireland, now ſend and receive Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Poſtage, provided that all ſuch Letters and Packets ſo ſent ſhall relate to the Buſineſs of their reſpective Offices, and that there ſhall be certified on the Outſide of ſuch Letters and Packets, under the Hand Writing of ſuch Officers reſpectively to be On His Majeſty's Service, and that ſuch Letters and Packets ſhall be ſealed with the Seal of the Office, or Officer ending the ſame. And in Caſe any ſuch Officers ſhall receive under Cover to them any Letters or Packets, intended for or directed to other Perſons, all ſuch Officers are required to ſend the ſame to the General Poſt Office in London, or Dublin, in order that ſuch Letters and Packets may be charged with the Duty of Poſtage; it being the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, that the Privilege of ſending and receiving Letters and Packets by ſuch Officers, ſhall extend to ſuch Letters and Packets only, as relate to the Buſineſs of their reſpective Offices.

It is alſo enacted, That all Perſons may ſend printed Votes, Proceedings in Parliament, and printed News Papers to and from Great Britain and Ireland, at the Rate of One Penny only for each printed Vote, Proceeding in Parliament, and each printed News Paper, in Covers open at Both Ends, to be paid when they are put into any Poſt-Office in Great Britain; but the Penny need not be paid before hand upon Papers from Ireland, as it can be received on their Delivery in Great Britain.

It is likewiſe enacted, That His Majeſty's Poſtmaſter-General may authorize certain Perſons to ſend and receive printed Votes, Proceedings in Parliament, and printed News Papers by the Poſt to and from Great Britain and Ireland, at the Rate of One Penny only for each printed Vote, and Proceeding in Parliament, and each printed News Paper, over and above the printed Price thereon.

All Perſons therefore who wiſh to be ſupplied with News Papers for Ireland, or from Ireland for Great Britain, may have them regularly ſent, by applying by Letter, or otherwiſe, to the Clerk of the Cheſter Road, at the General Poſt-Office in London, or to the Poſtmaſter of any Town in Great Britain, where a News Paper is printed; or to the Secretary of the General Poſt-Office in Dublin.

The Price of a Paper ſix Times a Week, at 3d. each, with 1d. for the Poſtage, will be 5l. 4s. per Annum; an Evening Paper three Times a Week, 2l. 12s. per Annum, and ſo in Proportion for the London Gazettes, other Papers, &c. And by an Act paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of the Parliament of Ireland, each Britiſh News Paper, &c. will in all Parts of Ireland be delivered at the Rate of 1d. Poſtage for each; all which, upon an Average, will be leſs than the Prices heretofore paid for News Papers furniſhed by the Public Offices in Great Britain and Ireland.

By Command of the Poſtmaſter-General,
Anthony Todd, Sec.

Royal Hoſpital for Seamen at Greenwich,
April 21, 1784.

THE Commiſſioners and Governors of this Hoſpital hereby give Notice, that at Salters Hall in London, on Wedneſday the 27th of October next, or as ſoon after as may be, the Lands, Mill, and Collieries at THROCKLEY in the County of Northumberland, will be lett, together or ſeparate, on Leaſe or Leaſes, for 21 Years or under, to commence upon the 12th Day of May, 1785.

All Perſons deſirous to take the ſaid Lands, Mill, and Collieries, or any of them, are requeſted to give in their Propoſals in Writing to Mr. Ibbetſon, at the Admiralty Office, London, at any Time before the Day above-mentioned, or on that Day, between the Hours of Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, and One o'Clock in the Afternoon, at Salters Hall, in London; and to apply for Particulars to Meſſ. Walton and Turner, Receivers for the ſaid Hoſpital, at Farnacres, near Newcaſtle upon Tyne.

Cuſtom-Houſe, London, September 17, 1784.

THE Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms having received a Letter dated the 26th of Auguſt, 1784, ſigned "A Friend to the Conſtitution"; if the Writer thereof will make himſelf known to their Secretary, at his Office, any Morning between the Hours of Nine and Eleven (Sundays and Holydays excepted) he may be aſſured that due Attention will be paid to any Information he may give by which the Revenue can be benefited; and that his Name will be kept ſecret if deſired.

By Order of the Commiſſioners,
Geo. Robinſon, pro Secretary.

Mercers-Hall, September 17, 1784.

THE Wardens and Commonalty of the Myſtery of Mercers of the City of London, in purſuance of an Act of Parliament paſſed in the 21ſt Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King George the Second, do hereby deſire their ſeveral Annuitants, or any Perſons duly authoriſed by any Writing under their Hands, to meet at Mercers Hall, on Wedneſday the 3d of November next, (being the Firſt Wedneſday in that Month) at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, to nominate and appoint Nine or more Perſons to audit and examine the Accounts of the Receipts and Payments by the ſaid Act directed to be audited and examined.

Rob. Cawne, Clerk.

Lincolnſhire Militia.

NOTICE is hereby given, that by Virtue of an Act of Parliament paſſed in the 4th Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, relating to the Militia, a General Meeting of His Majeſty's Lieutenancy for the County of Lincoln, will be held at the Bull in Horncaſtle, on Friday the 8th Day of October next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon.

By Order of the Deputy Lieutenants,
Bankes, Clerk of the General Meetings.

Sleaford, Sept. 17, 1784.

Pool, September 11, 1784.

THE Officers and Crew of the Union Cutter Privateer, of Poole, John Broom, Commander, who were actually on Board the ſaid Privateer at the Time of her taking the Huys Brandenburgh, and Jonge William and Jacob Dutch Prizes, cut out from Fort D'Elmina, on the Coaſt of Africa, are to take Notice, that a Diſtribution will be made for the ſaid Prizes at the Old Antelope Inn, Poole, on Friday the 15th of October next, where they are deſired to attend and receive their reſpective Shares of

Cullen, Beak and Allen, Agents for the ſaid Privateer.

Cambridge, September 10, 1784.

THE Copartnerſhip between us the underwritten John Purchas the Elder and Thomas Francis, both of Cambridge in the County of Cambridge, Merchants, being this Day diſſolved; we do hereby give Notice thereof to all Perſons concerced; and all Perſons that ſtand indebted to the ſaid Copartnerſhip, are deſired to pay their Debts to Mr. John Purchas, jun. and Mr. Edward Ind, Brewers, of Cambridge, and Mr. Samuel Brown, Merchant, of Lynn, or to ſuch Perſons as they ſhall appoint.

John Purchas, ſen.
Tho Francis.